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at Matrah. Dr. Jayakar reports 10 cases and 3 deaths during past two weeks. At present the disease is of a very mild type, and is confined to one quarter of the town.

Respectfully,

A. MACKIRDY,
Vice-Consul.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Plague appears at Matrah.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 17, 1900.*

SIR: By direction of the Secretary of State, I have the honor to inform you that in his dispatch No. 12 of February 1, 1900, the consul of the United States at Zanzibar reports the appearance of plague at Matrah, a suburb of Maskat. The consul further states that there is constant and close communication, through the Arabs, between Matrah and Zanzibar, which places this post (Zanzibar) in great danger of the pest.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

ARGENTINA.

Plague at Rosario—(Continued.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 17, 1900.*

SIR: By direction of the Secretary of State, I have the honor to inclose herewith copy of dispatch No. 50, of February 7, 1900, from the consul of the United States at Rosario, Argentine Republic, in regard to the bubonic plague prevalent at that port.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

ROSARIO, *February 7, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since January 25, by reason of the appearance at this port of several sporadic cases of the bubonic pest, the national sanitary authorities have declared the isolation of the city and surrounded it with a military and naval cordon that has effectually put a quietus on all traffic or correspondence with the outer world.

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I inclose two clippings from Buenos Ayres papers to show the manner our neighbors look at it. I did not cable because Mr. Jones, our chargé d'affaires at Buenos Ayres, informed me that he had. There have been no new cases here for some days and from all that can be learned the developments of the pest here have been of quite mild form.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. AYERS,
U. S. Consul.

HON. SECRETARY OF STATE.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague reported in Adelaide.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, *January 27, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith copy of a communication from the consular agent at Adelaide, South Australia, dated January 16, 1900, relative to an outbreak of bubonic plague in that colony. Since the receipt of the agent's letter considerable doubt has arisen among the medical men of South Australia as to whether it is really

bubonic plague. I am pleased to report that no fresh cases have developed and, seemingly, all danger of a spread of the disease has passed.

Respectfully,

JOHN P. BRAY,
Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, *January 16, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that I have, in terms of the Venice sanitary convention, received the following dispatch from the chief secretary of the province, viz:

"An absconding German seaman named Eppstein, aged 18, from ship *Formosa*, from New York to Port Adelaide, six weeks in colony, died on January 12, after twenty-six days' illness. Disease, *pestis bubonica hæmorrhagica*. Body interred with all disinfecting precautions in quarantine island. All infected materials and bacteriological cultures destroyed by fire. Hospital where patient died put in strict quarantine. Boy, aged 9, from country town where Eppstein stayed in the colony, admitted on January 5 with disease now proved to be bubonic plague; isolated under surveillance in same hospital.

Kindly inform the Department of State at Washington of the above facts.

Respectfully,

CHAS. A. MURPHY,
U. S. Consular Agent.

J. P. BRAY, Esq., *United States Consul-General.*

BELGIUM.

Report from Antwerp

ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *March 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the steamship *Kensington* sailed from this port on the 3d instant, carrying 61 cabin and 707 steerage passengers. Twenty-six were refused passage, of which number 5 were definitely rejected. The remainder were detained for observation or were members of families in which was found a case of trachoma. The baggage was not inspected and bore no labels when shipped.

Respectfully,

E. K. SPRAGUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BRAZIL.

Vital statistics of Bahia for July and August, 1899.

BAHIA, BRAZIL, *February 7, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a report setting forth the vital statistics of Bahia for the months of July and August, 1899. This is compiled in this consulate from the official report which is to-day published in the official paper.

Respectfully,

H. W. FURNISS,
United States Consul.

Hon. SECRETARY OF TREASURY.